

# DDC Committed to the Community and the Environment: Clean-up Continues at DDMT

The former Defense Distribution Depot Memphis, TN (DDMT) held a public comment meeting on August 15 on the proposed removal of surface soil containing lead at the former pistol range on Memphis' Dunn Field. The meeting was held as part of a 30-day public comment period beginning July 25, 2002, to allow citizens the opportunity to provide comments on the Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA) that describes the environmental conditions of an area and provides a recommended cleanup alternative.

The preferred alternative for the soil at former pistol range is to remove up to 24-inches of soil where lead was detected, grade and reseed the as well as to remove and dispose of lead containing soil off site. The removal will begin December 2002 and should be completed by March 2003.

"This cleanup action is another important step that moves us closer to ensuring that the northeast section of Dunn Field meets our overall objective, which is to protect human health and the environment, while promoting reuse," said Clyde Hunt, Remedial Program Manager at the Depot.

In September 1995, the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission recommended closure of Defense Distribution Depot Memphis. The installation closed in September 1997. Over the last several years numerous environmental actions have taken place at DDMT ranging from the removal of soils containing dieldrin, lead or Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), underground storage tanks, implementing an interim groundwater pump and treatment system to contain the groundwater, to the removal of chemical warfare material.



*Members of the Memphis community gather to discuss the future of the former DDMT.*

## DDSP Annual Environmental Update

**By Polly Charbonneau, DDC Command Affairs**

The Defense Distribution Center (DDC) and Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna Pennsylvania (DDSP) are committed to the Harrisburg metropolitan community and are working diligently to restore and maintain an environmental-friendly installation. As part of DDC's commitment to our community, DDC works to keep local community leaders informed of our environmental and construction activities.

On October 17 DDC and DDSP hosted an update briefing on the DDC/DDSP Base Installation Restoration and Military Construction (MILCON) Programs. The session lasted more than 90 minutes and provided a detailed overview of the various environmental and construction projects for the next 30 months.

"Our mission is to supply the warfighter but we can't do that without the support of the American public and the support of all the communities where we live and work," said CAPT Robert Ritchie, SC, USN, Commander, Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, Pennsylvania (DDSP), when he opened the meeting.

Attendees included Buck Swisher, Legislative Assistant for Congressman Todd Platts, (R-PA), Joe Marsciano, representative



*(L to R) Buck Swisher, Cong. Todd Platts' Legislative Assistant, Joe Marciano, State Senator Harold Mowery's Office, Paula Tezik, Fairview Township Supervisor, and CAPT Robert Ritchie, DDSP Commander, discuss environmental issues at a recent community outreach meeting.*

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The meeting was an opportunity for the DDC and DDSP staffs to share information on several environmental, construction and mission initiatives with the Fairview Township supervisors as well as the local State Legislature and Congressional delegations. The community got the chance to ask questions and get additional information.